

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the eighth full paragraph in the Brief Description of the Drawings section on page 4 with the following amended paragraph and three new paragraphs:

Figure 8A is a sectional side view showing structure of a usual state of a sucker relating to a fourth embodiment.

Figure 8B is a sectional side view showing the structure of a sucker relating to the fourth embodiment in which the suction-adherence surface includes minute protrusions and indentations.

Figure 8C is a sectional side view showing the structure of a sucker relating to the fourth embodiment in which the suction-adherence surface comprises a sponge.

Figure 8D is a sectional side view showing the structure of a sucker relating to the fourth embodiment in which the suction-adherence surface comprises a brush.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figures 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D and 9, the sucker 40 of the present embodiment has substantially the same structure as in the first embodiment except that the main body portion 42 integrally includes a base portion, and there is no spring.

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Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 20 and 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Further, with this sucker 40, the skirt portion 44 deforms easily (i.e., has a deformation-following characteristic) in a direction intersecting the suction-adherence surface 46 of the main body portion 42 (a direction of thickness of the interleaf sheet 13 during suction; i.e., direction Z in Figures 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D). Meanwhile, the skirt portion 44 is resistant to deformation in a direction parallel to the suction-adherence surface 46 of the main body portion 42 (a direction along the surface of the interleaf sheet 13 during suction; i.e., direction X in Figure 9).